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Under 37 CFR § 1.116
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Masahiro Matsuo

Application No.: 09/879,584

Art Unit: 1751

Filed: June 12, 2001

Examiner: K. M. Vijayakumar

For: PASTE FOR FORMING THICK FILM,
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING
THEREOF, AND FILTER APPARATUS

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2004, please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application amended as follows:

Amendments begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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